GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Air India Employees Association have given a strike call;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government invited the Air India Employees Association leaders for negotiation; and

(d) if so, the outcome thereof and if not, the steps taken by the Government to resolve the crisis?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK)

(a),(b) (c) and (d): There is no Association by the name of Air India Employees Associationin existence in Air India. However, a National Action Committee consisting of various Unions/Associations/Guilds of airlines had given a notice togo on one day token strike from 0600 hrs. of 20 Feb.2003 to 0600 hrs. on 21 Feb.2003 to protest against Income Tax on free/ concesssional passages utilised by Airline employees. The proposed strike was subsequently called off following an assurance from the Ministry of Finance that the matter has been favourably considered.